

Places Where We Play, Gather & Learn



Above: Playground equipment at O.P. Schnabel Park.

Introduction

This community is served by a necklace of parkland along Leon Creek and O.P. Schnabel, a regional park visited by residents from all over San Antonio. The community is also served by the Northside Independent School District and a number of faith based nonprofit facilities that are potential community partners in implementing the Plan.

This chapter of the Community Plan focuses on the community's goals, objectives and action steps for parks, public safety and community appearance. Also building a strong and active community is discussed in this section.

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Recently acquired parkland in the community

Goal 5 - Parks and Open Space

Maintain and increase the amount of parks and open space in the community.

Objective 5.1: Park Access and Safety

Develop and maintain parks, greenways, and recreation areas and promote neighborhood safety.

Action Steps:

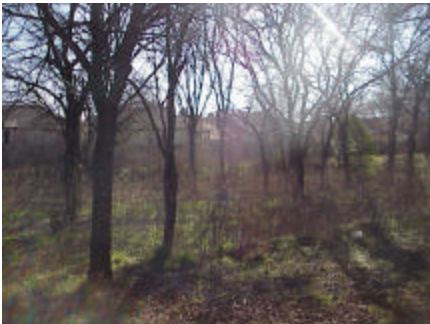
- 5.1.1** Proactively identify future sites of parks, greenways, recreation areas within existing neighborhoods.
- 5.1.2** Make examinations of existing land(s) affected by public access to parks and recreation areas to delineate public and private land (via natural borders, buffers.)
- 5.1.3** Develop a maintenance plan for both existing and future parks, greenways, and recreation areas to ensure safety and cleanliness for the neighborhoods.
- 5.1.4** Preserve creek corridors for greenway and protect wildlife habitats.
 - *Buffer uses adjacent to creeks to protect the creek in a natural state.*
 - *Survey and evaluate areas where "improved" channels can be restored to a natural state while maintaining capacity for stormwater.*
 - *Request to the City to acquire property along Huebner Creek adjacent to Eckhert Crossing.*
 - *Consider development of a wetland area within the Leon, Huebner and French Creek watersheds to improve water quality, reduce flooding and improve wildlife habitat.*
 - *Educate the community on fertilizer techniques, usage of native trees and plants and work with schools to educate children on ecological issues (see also 1.1.5).*

Timeline: Short (1 to 2 years) to Mid (3 to 5 years)

Lead Partner: Huebner/Leon Creeks Community Plan Implementation Committee, Neighborhood Associations

Partnerships: COSA Parks & Recreation, COSA Public Works

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer (planning stage); Easements, Transfer of Development Rights, Eminent Domain, Donation (acquisition stage)



Huebner Creek

Timeline: Short (1 to 2 years) to Long (6 + years)

Lead Partner: Huebner/Leon Creeks Community Plan Implementation Committee, Neighborhood Associations

Partnerships: COSA Parks & Recreation, COSA Public Works, City Arborist, SAWS, US Army Corps of Engineers

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

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Goal 6 - Community Appearance

Use all techniques available to improve community appearance.

Objective 6.1: Education

Provide an education campaign to improve community appearance.

Action Steps:

6.1.1 Provide educational sessions to inform the community on:

- *Code Compliance Issues*
- *Unified Development Code*
- *Tree Preservation Ordinance*
- *Sign Ordinance*



Multiple code violations at a home in Wildwood One.



Illegal dumping in Verde Hills

Timeline: Short (1 to 2 years)

Lead Partner: Neighborhood Associations

Partnerships: COSA Environmental Services, COSA Code Compliance, NISD

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer



Abandoned sign on Babcock Rd.

Objective 6.2: Community Character

Promote Community Character

Action Steps:

6.2.1 Explore the development of a Neighborhood Conservation District within the Alamo Farmsteads and Verde Hills neighborhoods (*see also 1.4.3*).

6.2.2 Reestablish a neighborhood tree project to protect community character.

Timeline: Mid (3 to 5 years)

Lead Partner: Neighborhood Associations

Partnerships: Property Owners, COSA Planning

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

Timeline: Short (1 to 2 years)

Lead Partner: Neighborhood Associations

Partnerships: AACOG, CPS, COSA Public Works, Property Owners, City Arborist

Funding Sources: AACOG, CPS, City Council discretionary funds

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Thornton Elementary School

Goal 7 - Community Strength

Build a strong and organized community.

Objective 7.1: Community Programs

Develop and maintain community programs.

Action Steps:

7.1.1 Develop dialogue with the Northside Independent School District to allow community use of public school facilities.

- *Interested groups can arrange to use cafeteriums for public meetings.*
- *Playing fields are available for athletic groups.*
- *Rudder Middle School has a gardening plot which could be a public resource if arrangements are made through the school.*

7.1.2 Ensure staffing for Cellular on Patrol (COP) program.



Neighborhood Cellular on Patrol sign

7.1.3 Propose establishment of a new Northwest City Services facility to include a public health component to offer preventative health services for the Huebner/Leon Creeks Community.

7.1.4 Investigate and identify locations for a possible community swimming pool such as O.P. Schnabel Park or Babcock North.

Timeline: Short (1 to 2 years)

Lead Partner: Neighborhood Associations

Partnerships: NISD Facilities Administration

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

Timeline: Short (1 to 2 years)

Lead Partners: Neighborhood Associations

Partnerships: Huebner/Leon Creeks Community Plan Implementation Committee, San Antonio Police Department

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

Timeline: Mid (4 to 6 years) to Long (6 + years)

Lead Partners: Neighborhood Associations

Partnerships: Metro Health District

Funding Sources: COSA Bond Program

Timeline: Mid (3 to 5 years)

Lead Partners: Huebner/Leon Creeks Community Plan Implementation Committee

Partnerships: COSA Parks and Recreation, NISD

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

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